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CHILD LABOUR

Global Union Campaign: get involved to stop child labour

The ICFTU (International Confederation of Trade Unions) has launched a new worldwide campaign to stop child labour. To make this campaign work, you and your union need to be actively involved. Here are some ways you can support the campaign...

Activities

- Lobby your government to ratify and fully apply ILO Conventions 138 and 182.
- Target sectors and areas where children work.
- Pressure the authorities in your country to enforce laws on education.
- Conduct internal trade union activities to increase awareness and set up action plans, and build community alliances to fight child labour.

- Campaign to increase trade union membership and bargaining rights - strong unions are the best way to stop child labour.
- Build alliances with other organisations in your country and in solidarity with unions abroad.

Facts on Child Labour

- Today 250 million children are working
- 125 million of them have never seen inside a class room
- While at work, a large number of working children are affected by numerous hazards.
- More than two-thirds (70%) of all working children are found in the agricultural sector - followed by: Manufacturing, wholesale and retail trade, restaurants and hotels, domestic and other "personal services"

- To achieve education for all US\$8 billion per year is needed. The amount represents four days of global military spending! Education is the key to end poverty and ensure sustainable social and economic development for all.
- Millions of adults are unemployed or are workers who do not earn enough to make a living. One way to stop child labour is to ensure that their parents have access to decent jobs, decent wages and that their right to join and form unions is respected.

Campaign materials

Available on www.icftu.org: Leaflet & Petition, Poster, Press releases, ILO Conventions 182 and 138, Child Labour documents and video's

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The ICFTU represents 156 million workers worldwide. It has 221 affiliated organisations in 148 countries on all five continents. The ICFTU works closely with the International Trade Union Secretariats (ITSs), the international union organisations for different sectors. The ITSs are fully involved in the Global Union Campaign to Stop Child Labour. Information on the ITSs can be found on the ICFTU web-site.